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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Yoshihiro SHIRAISHI, Tsutomu SUGIHARA and Mitsuru NUKUI  
MACHINE TOOL  
Assignee: NIPPEI TOYAMA CORPORATION  
Our Ref. Q79542

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-four (34) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, seven (7) sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                           |         |   |  |   |         |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---------|---|--|---|---------|---|-----------------|
| Total claims              | 15 - 20 | = |  | x | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Independent claims        | 1 - 3   | = |  | x | \$86.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Base Fee                  |         |   |  |   |         |   | \$770.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>   |         |   |  |   |         |   | <b>\$770.00</b> |
| Recordation of Assignment |         |   |  |   |         |   | \$40.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>          |         |   |  |   |         |   | <b>\$810.00</b> |

The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

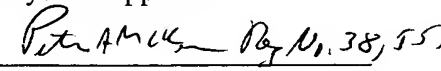
Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Japan          | 2003-014021           | January 22, 2003   |

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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